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In re application:) Docket No.: AUS-2136-AL
Caldwell et al.)
Serial No.: 10/052,297) Examiner: Robert, Eduardo C.
Filed: January 18, 2002) Art Unit: 3732
For: HAND ACCESS PORT DEVICE)
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to an Office Action mailed February 12, 2004. A shortened statutory period for response has been set to end April 12, 2004.

History of Prosecution

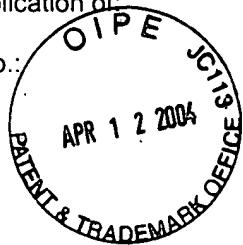
This application was filed with a total of 63 claims. In response to a Restriction Requirement, Applicant elected claims 1-13 for further prosecution and claims 14-63 were cancelled from consideration. In the instant Office Action, claims 1-9 are allowed and claims 10-13 are objected to. In particular, claim 10 and its dependent claims 11-13 are objected to for being multiply dependent on claim 9, which is also a multiple dependent claim. It is respectfully requested that the following changes be made to the application.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Check No. in the amount of \$ is attached for payment of filing and extension fees for this amendment and Notice of Appeal filing fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2215.
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Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

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Respectfully submitted,

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